

Mr. Chapman to S. May Jr

Weymouth Sept 30th 1858

Dear Mr. May,

A thought occurred to me in consequence of your letter to my sister, (the receipt of which she begs me to acknowledge gratefully on her behalf.) I hope & trust there is nothing so grave in Mr. Samuel J. May's state of health as to preclude as sanguine a hope as this world ever justifies us in entertaining, that the tour in the South of Europe which he contemplates may quite restore his health, so that in returning by England, as he plans, he may render the cause important service there. Is he not, in fact, the very instrumentally the cause needs there? Without his being sent by his anti-slavery coadjutors in any public capacity that would take him out of the category of a private gentleman, travelling for health & the promotion of his highest purpose, we should, if he could be retained in England for a time, have all the advantage of a special agent, since his first purpose is the Cause. The means of returning

him in England might, it seems to me, be easily found, in case his remaining there a time on his return should meet you & his views.

My sister tells me we could not look to New Bedford for them with much probability of success, as they are just in the midst of a great & renewed effort to keep Mr Weiss abroad six months longer, & to supply his profit in his absence.

But, (always still, in case it should meet your knowledge of his views,) I am confident we shall be able to guarantee his support in England from our Subscription fund; & if through the letters we could give him, & his Antislavery connections, the expense of his travelling should be lessened, is it not altogether probable that what we can assure him, with what his personal & family funds can raise, will cover the whole expense of his tour?

I ask pardon for seeming to enter at all into the Modus Operandi: it is only to make clear my enquiry, whether the cause cannot take advantage of Mr. May's present purpose,

to secure his labours six months hence?

With cordial regards to
Mrs May & all your
family.

I am

Dear Mr May,

always

your obliged friend

W. W. Chapman

L. M. Jr. to L. J. M.

Leicester, June 19, 1859.

My dear Mr. May; I wrote to you by the last week's
Mail Steamer, with the same address which this letter bears; I
endeavored to give you certain information, in compliance with your
request, & enclosed several confirmatory documents. Since writing &
sending that, this letter (rec'd by me last September, when we were
engaged in the friendly conspiracy to send you out of the country,) has again
come under my eye. I wonder at myself for not sending it to you
before - indeed, immediately on receiving it. But it may not now be too late.
I hope it is not, - to give you sufficient time to consider the question whether
you can not give one, two, or three months to the special work, in England more
particularly, of presenting the real state of the Slavery question, & the real character of our
movement against it. - (over)

S. May Jr
Sept 30. 1835.
Mrs Chapman
To
S. May Jr

I also enclose a note received by me at the same time from Anne Weston, who was then at home. She is now in London, on a visit to the family of her uncle Mr. Joshua Bates (of the house of Baring, Bros. &c) and I trust you will not fail to see her. It would greatly gratify her to see you. You know that in excellent spirit, in quick intelligence, in thorough knowledge of our Cause, she has few equals - and is a most agreeable & attractive person. If you do see her, pray remember Sarah & myself, & Adie, to her most affectionately. She will counsel you wisely & well, as to the Cause in Gr. Britain. All send love to you. Yr. affectionate cousin & friend
Samuel May, Jr